

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, line 2, after the title, please add the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of application serial no. 10/030,187, which is a 371 of PCT/GB01/02553 filed June 12, 2001.

At page 27, lines 28 to 34, please replace the three sub-paragraphs beginning with the words "(ix) pyrid-2-yl optionally substituted at the 5 position" with the following three amended sub-paragraphs:

(ix) 5-chloropyrid-2-yl~~pyrid-2-yl optionally substituted at the 5 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

(x) pyrid-3-yl or 6-chloropyrid-3-yl~~optionally substituted at the 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

(xi) benzofur-2-yl, 5-chlorobenzofur-2-yl, 3-methylbenzofur-2-yl, 5-methylbenzofur-2-yl or 6-methoxybenzofur-2-yl~~optionally substituted at the 3 position by amino, hydroxy, halo, alkyl, carboxy, cyano, amide, aminealkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio and at the 5 or 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

At page 28, line 11, please replace the sub-paragraph beginning with the words "(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl," with the sub-paragraph:

(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl, ~~2-amino-3-fluorophenyl~~, 2-amino-4-fluorophenyl, 2-amino-4-chlorophenyl, ~~2-amino-3-bromophenyl~~, ~~2-amino-3-nitrophenyl~~, 2-amino-4-nitrophenyl, ~~3,4-dimethoxy-5-aminophenyl~~, 2-amino-4-methylphenyl, ~~2-amino-3-methylphenyl~~, ~~2-amino-3-methoxyphenyl~~, 3,4-diaminophenyl, ~~3,5-diaminophenyl~~, 3-amino-4-fluorophenyl, 3-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 3-amino-4-bromophenyl, 3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl, 3-amino-4-carboxymethylphenyl, 3-amino-4-methylphenyl, 3-amino-4-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-fluoro-3-cyanophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl, ~~3-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl~~, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3-methylphenyl, 4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-bromo-3-methylphenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 2-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, ~~3-cyano-5-aminophenyl~~, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl, 3,4-dihydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 4-difluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 4-methoxycarbonylphenyl, 4-acetoxyphenyl, 4-methanesulfonylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, ~~3-methyl-5-aminophenyl~~, 4-methylphenyl, 4-vinylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxy-3-chlorophenyl, 4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl, 3-methylaminophenyl, 4-methylaminophenyl, 4-ethylaminophenyl or 2-aminomethylphenyl;

At page 34, line 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a reducing agent, such as sodium cyanoborohydride ~~eyanobrohydride~~. Convenient solvents include alcohols, such

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as methanol, optionally with a halogenated hydrocarbon as solvent, such as 1,2-dichloroethane, and acetic acid. The coupling is conveniently effected at a temperature in the range of from 0 to 100°C.

At page 133, line 29, please indent the paragraph.